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Dear Panel:

Kelly Riley is aware of this letter of nomination based on our professional association over the past years. I've found Mrs. Riley to be an intelligent and dedicated young woman who possesses all the characteristics of a person destined for success in education. Mrs. Riley is assertive and very open minded. I have always found her work and character above satisfactory.

Kelly is very supportive to the State of Mississippi, Office of the Governor's staff and the Governor's plan to make sure teachers receive the five-year pay raise plan, and during the 2003 Mississippi Legislative session she provided operational support for the historic funding of "Education First". These are important and noticeable differences in the way education will be funded in our state from this time onward.

Kelly has supported these challenging accomplishments under circumstances as a leading lady in the role of providing a better education for all students in the State of Mississippi. As a new mother and a high achiever who is very organized in using her time and talents she is constantly researching, developing and implementing educational policy initiative for the Governor of Mississippi. Kelly strives for excellence and accepts challenges and responsibilities that require total dedication.

Kelly's achievements would make a compelling story for readers of *Good Housekeeping*. As a wife and mother, she has been very supportive to the changes in education policy for Mississippi students, parents and educators. Mississippi is proud of young women like Mrs. Riley who work hard to improve the quality of life in our state and I am honored to support her nomination. By utilizing the education that she has received from the State of Mississippi, combined with her work experience, Mrs. Riley will be worthy of your award for her excellence in education policy.

Thank you for considering Mrs. Riley's nomination form. I highly recommend her without any reservations. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to call me directly at work 601-359-3110 or home 601-346-4512.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure